



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Hornbrook FFS Fuels Treatment Project		
	14638 Bradley Henley Road		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Hornbrook, CA 96044	<b>COUNTY</b>	Siskiyou
	Legal Description: Portions of Section 20, T.47N R.06W, MDB&M		
	Approximately 1 mile SW of Hornbrook, CA		
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit (SKU)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The property is owned by the State of California and is operated as a year-round, 24/7 CAL FIRE station. The project area is characterized by 11 acres of Ponderosa pine, approximately 80 to 100 years of age. The largest individual trees are up to approximately 35" DBH and over 150' in height. The understory is composed of scattered Oregon white oak, moderate occurrences of brush species and dense grasses. Elevation is approximately 2,400 feet with slopes ranging from 0% to over 90% with an average slope of less than 30%.

The entire property was burned by the 2018 Klamathon fire which burned 38,008 acres. Most of the vegetation within the project area is dead or damaged. Immediate action is required to prevent potential threats to life, property, and essential public services.

Treatments shall entail the removal of all dead or dying trees that pose a safety hazard. Trees to be removed range from 8"-31" DBH and up to 130' in height. Dead or dying trees with characteristics beneficial to wildlife shall be retained, unless they pose a safety hazard. Treatment of slash shall be accomplished by piling and burning or by chipping. Trees will be bucked into logs at appropriate lengths such that they may be moved by hand. Logs will be processed into firewood that will be utilized by the CAL FIRE Hornbrook Station. Trees removed during treatment activities shall not be utilized for commercial purposes.

Follow-up treatments shall be conducted as a means to reduce fuels and lower the risk and severity of future wildfire. This will involve minor removal of vegetation and broadcast burning on an annual basis. Broadcast burning of surface fuels throughout the project area will be conducted during safe climatic conditions. Live trees 8" DBH or less will be thinned, leave trees will be pruned to a height of 6 to 8 feet above the ground, and ground fuels between 2 and 5 inches in diameter will be removed. Flammable, organic material generated by treatment activities will be placed into manageable piles no larger than 6 feet in height and 8 feet in diameter and burned during safe climatic conditions. Burn piles will be placed as far as possible from remaining trees. Hand crews will be utilized conduct all treatment activities. No mature, scenic, and healthy trees will be removed during treatment activities.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4  
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

Pursuant to §15304, Minor Alterations to Land.

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the above-listed Categorical Exemption, Declared Emergency, and Emergency Project listed in the CEQA Guidelines. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. CAL FIRE has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems.

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